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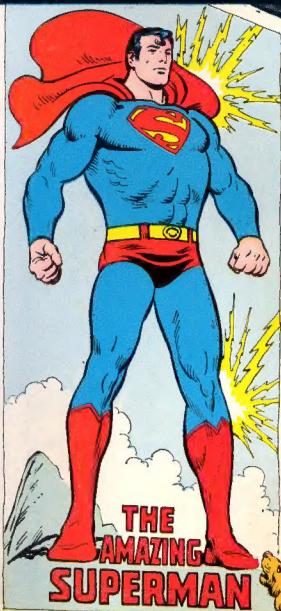
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GEE,
I WONDER
WHATEVER
HAPPENED
TO HIM?





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To earn a great
PRIZE (or CASH)

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all the
Fabulous
PRIZES
in our
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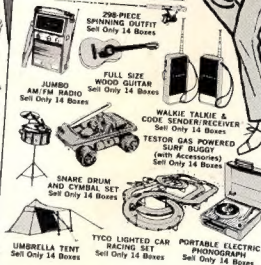


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PRESENTING--
ANOTHER **ACTION**
PACKED SAGA IN
THE AMAZING
ADVENTURES OF...

SUPERMAN

CRISIS!

THE TWIN
SKY-TOWERS
OF METROPOLIS
BOTH WILDLY
ABLAZE!

THEY'RE SO HIGH UP,
THIS ISN'T A JOB FOR
ANYONE BUT--

SUPERMAN!

Reader--

IF YOU THINK YOU SEE THE MAN OF STEEL
SPEEDING ACROSS THE SKY, YOU COULD BE
IMAGINING THINGS! START READING THIS
STARTLING STORY NOW...AND SEE HOW LONG IT
TAKES YOU TO ASK--

"WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SUPERMAN?"

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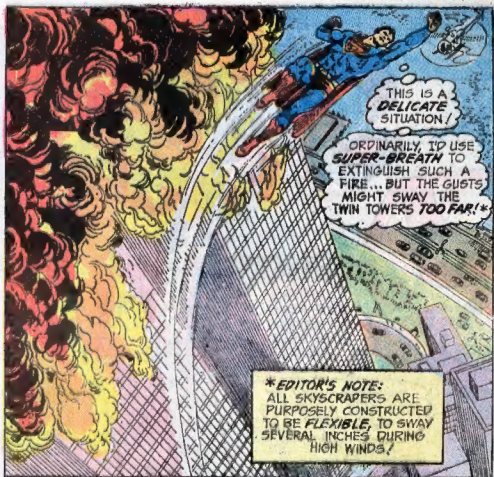
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THIS IS A
DELICATE
SITUATION!

ORDINARILY, I'D USE
SUPER-BREATH TO
EXTINGUISH SUCH A
FIRE... BUT THE GUSTS
MIGHT SWAY THE
TWIN TOWERS **TOO FAR!***

***EDITOR'S NOTE:**
ALL SKYSCRAPERS ARE
PURPOSELY CONSTRUCTED
TO BE **FLEXIBLE**, TO SWAY
SEVERAL INCHES DURING
HIGH WINDS!

**FLYING FASTER THAN THOUGHT
ITSELF, SUPERMAN SPEEDS
NORTHWARD OVER THE FRIGID
WATERS NEAR NEWFOUNDLAND...**

AFTER SIZING UP A
DOZEN ICEBERGS, I
FINALLY FOUND ONE THE
RIGHT SIZE FOR MY
PURPOSES!

THAT ICY TIP PROTRUDING
THROUGH THE WATER MAY
LOOK SMALL FROM HERE...



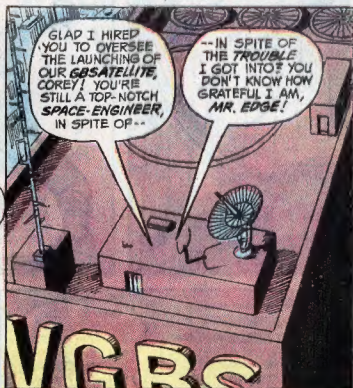
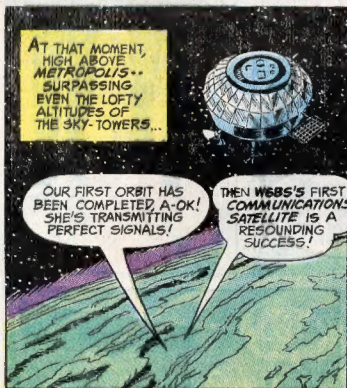
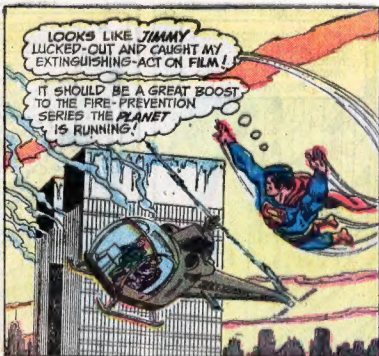
... BUT SOMETIMES,
LOOKS CAN BE
DECEIVING... BECAUSE
EIGHT-NINTHS OF
A BERG'S BULK
IS **UNDERWATER!**

NOW TO DELIVER
THE ICE WHERE
IT CAN DO SOME
GOOD!



AFTER AN ULTRA-SWIFT
RETURN FLIGHT WITH HIS
DEEP-FREEZE FREIGHT...

A BLAST OF
HEAT-VISION
WILL MELT THE
BERG INTO
HUNDREDS OF
GALLONS OF
WATER... MORE
THAN ENOUGH
TO **SQUELCH**
THESE FLAMES!



LATER, A CRIMSON-AND-BLUE BLUR FLASHES IN THROUGH AN OPEN WINDOW MANY FLOORS BELOW...

A SPLIT-SECOND CHANGE OF GARB, AND...

~WHEN~
SOMETIMES
LEADING A
DOUBLE LIFE
CAN WEAR
EVEN A
SUPERMAN
OUT!

AT LEAST
LIFE AS
CLARK KENT
IS CONSISTENTLY
PULL!

HEY, CLARK--!
YOU SEEM TO SPEND
MORE TIME IN THAT
STOREROOM THAN
THE JANITOR!

LOOK
AT THIS
TERRIFIC
SHOT I
SNAPPED
FROM THE
GBS COPTER!
IT'S TODAY'S
SKY-TOWER
BLAZE!

SO I SEE!
MUST'VE
BEEN TOUGH
TO FOCUS ON
SUPERMAN
IN ACTION
LIKE THAT!

S-SUPERMAN?!

YOU BETTER HAVE YOUR
EYES RE-EXAMINED,
CLARK!

THERE'S NO SUPERMAN
IN THIS PICTURE!

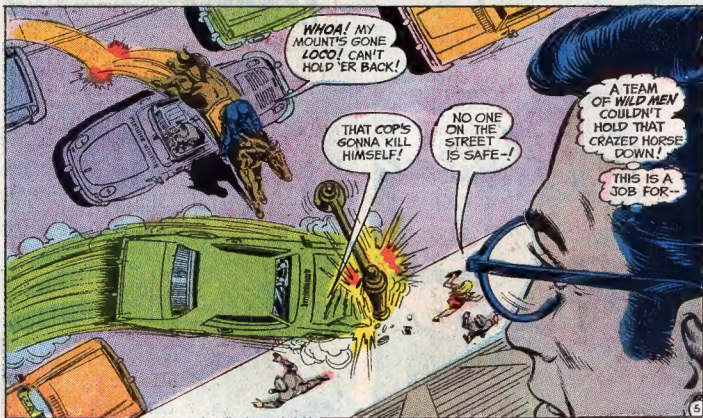
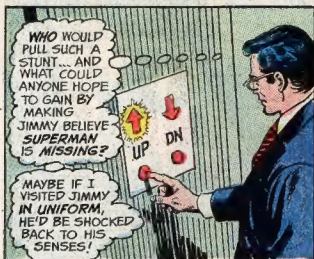
WHAT'S THIS
YOU'RE PULLING,
JIMMY-- A NEW
GAG?

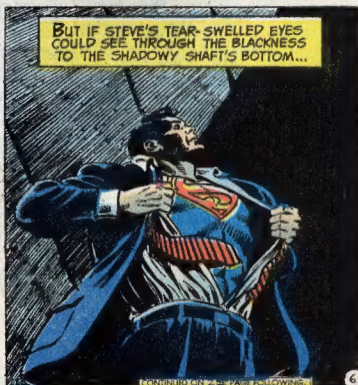
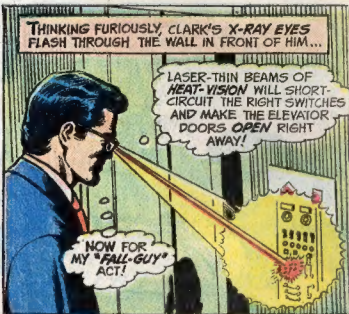
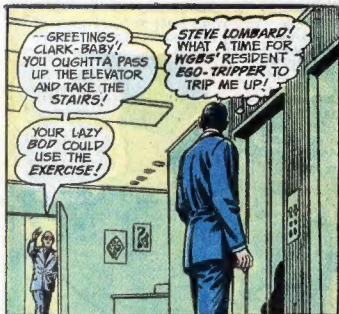
OKAY, I'LL PLAY
ALONG! IF YOU
DON'T SEE
SUPERMAN...

... THEN
WHAT DO
YOU SEE?

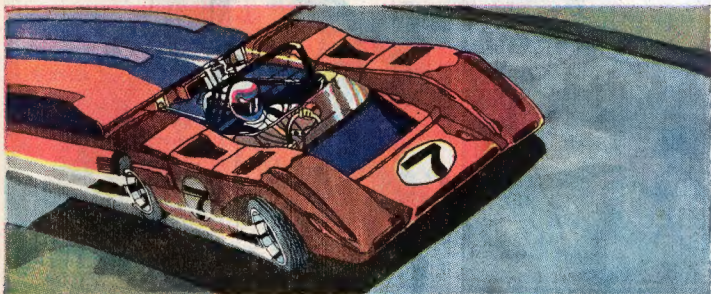
JUST A
THUNDERCLOUD
WHICH SUDDENLY
APPEARED OVER
THE SKY-TOWERS
AND DOUSED THE
FIRE WITH A
DOWNPOUR OF
RAIN!

...AND THAT'S
NO GAG... SEE!

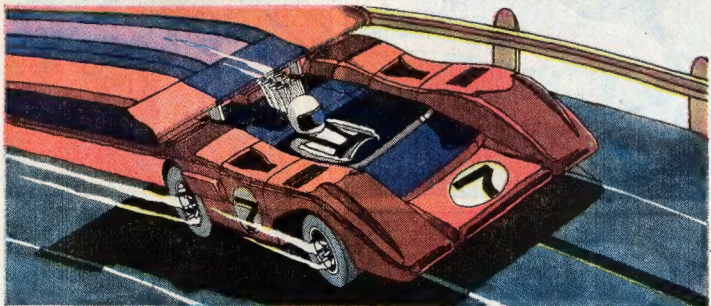




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to real racing.**

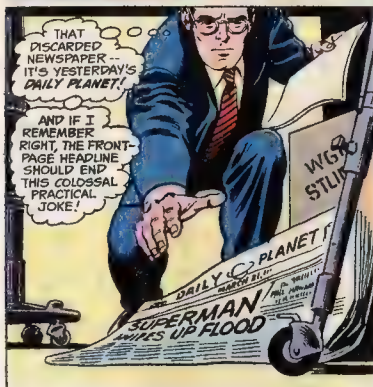
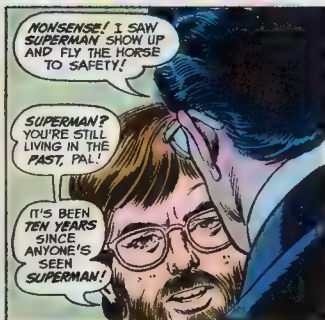
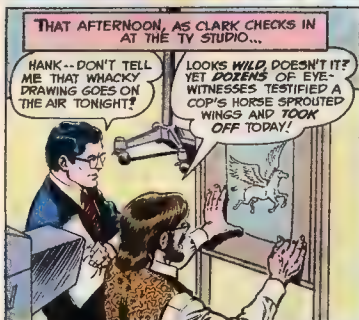
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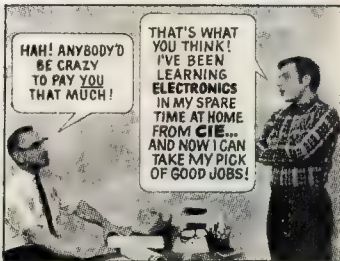
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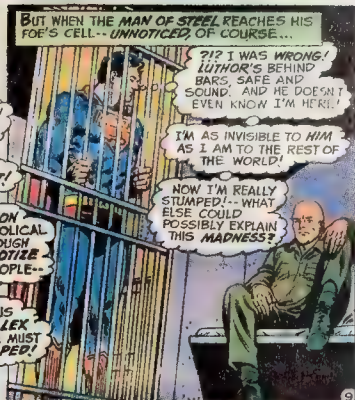
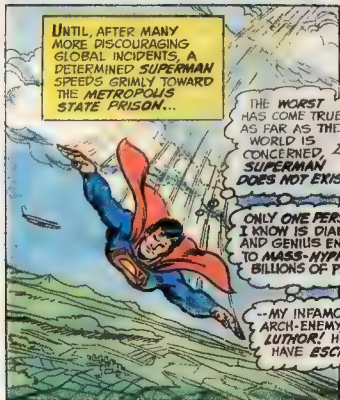
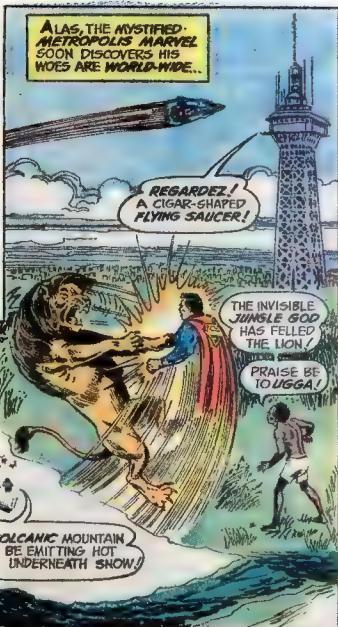
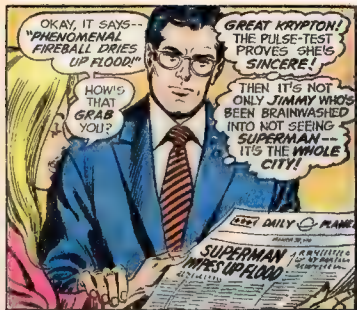
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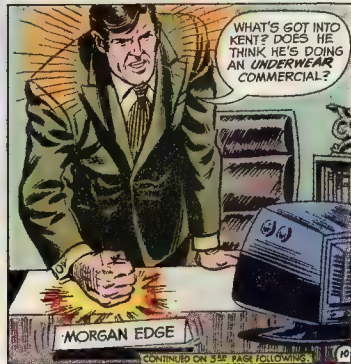
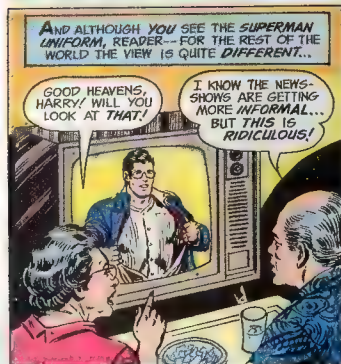
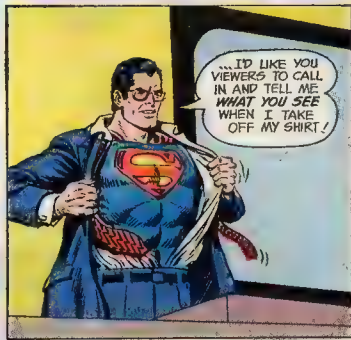
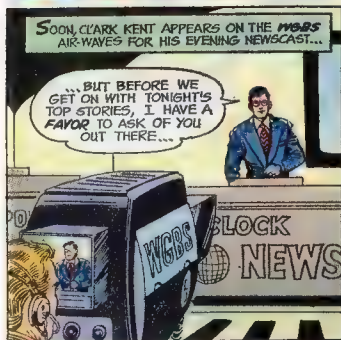
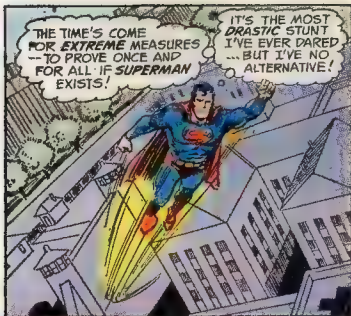
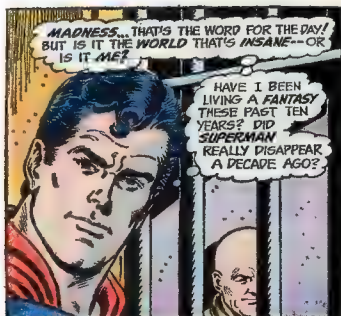
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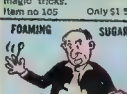
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BLOODY SOAP

Smear some of this powder on any bar of soap. When someone begins to use the soap, it will turn their hands and face bloody red. You won't be able to stop laughing. Completely harmless.

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AND AS THE CAMERAS ARE HURRIEDLY SHUT DOWN...

YOU GUYS ALL BLIND?
CAN'T YOU SEE THE
UNIFORM I'M WEARING
UNDER MY CLOTHES?

THE POOR GUY MUSTA
FREAKED-OUT FROM OVER-
WORK! LOOKS LIKE I'LL
HAVE TO TAKE
OVER AS
ANCHOR MAN!

ER, SURE WE
CAN, CLARK!
WHATEVER
YOU SAY!

SOON, BACK AT THE STATE PRISON--
A CERTAIN BALD-HEADED CONVICT
GLOATS WITH SECRET THOUGHTS...

CHUCKLE! I ALMOST LAUGHED
OUT LOUD WHEN I HAD TO PRETEND
NOT TO SEE SUPERMAN
WHILE HE STOOD
OUTSIDE MY CELL!

I'M IMMUNE
TO THE MASS-
HYPNOSIS EFFECT
... BECAUSE I
INVENTED IT!

SUPERMAN
NEVER DREAMED
I'D ATTACK HIM
BY PROXY ...
USING MY FORMER
CELL-MATE, ZEKE
COREY, AS MY
PARTNER IN CRIME!

I SPENT LONG
MONTHS BRIEFING
HIM... GETTING
HIM TO
MEMORIZE THE
DETAILED BLUE-
PRINTS FOR A
SUPER-HYPNO-
BEAMER!

AS WE PLANNED,
HE SECRETLY
INSTALLED IT
ONTO THE
GBSATELLITE
BEFORE
LAUNCHING!

BY THE TIME THE
SATELLITE MADE
A FEW ORBITS,
THE HYPNO-BEAMER'S
RAYS HAD BATHED
EVERYONE ON EARTH.

COMPELLING THE
WORLD TO BELIEVE
THAT SUPERMAN
HAD BEEN MISSING
FOR TEN YEARS!

ONLY COREY
AND I KNOW
THE TRUTH!

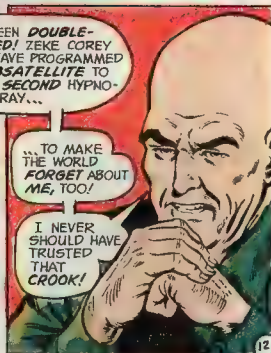
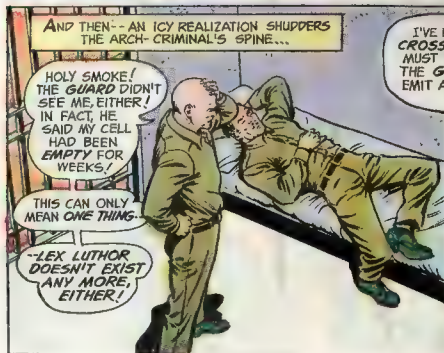
LIKE OTHER
CRUSADERS,
SUPERMAN'S
USED TO THE
RESPECT AND
ADMIRATION
OF OTHERS...
BUT NOW HE
HAS NOTHING!

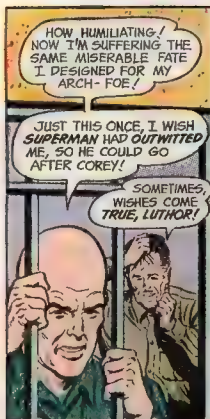
NO MATTER
HOW MANY LIVES
HE SAVES... HOW
MANY GOOD
DEEDS HE PERFORMS
... NOBODY WILL
EVER KNOW IT!

I'VE TURNED
HIM INTO A
LIVING
PHANTOM!

THIS WAY,
PHELPS! YOUR
CELL'S WAITING
FOR YOU!

EH--?!

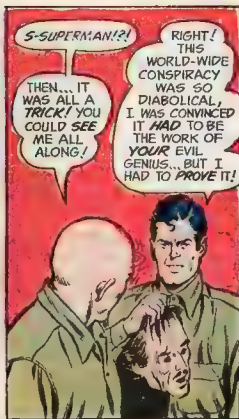




HOW HUMILIATING!
NOW I'M SUFFERING THE
SAME MISERABLE FATE
I DESIGNED FOR MY
ARCH-FOE!

JUST THIS ONCE, I WISH
SUPERMAN HAD OUTWITTED
ME, SO HE COULD GO
AFTER COREY!

SOMETIMES
WISHES COME
TRUE, LUTHOR!



S-SUPERMAN!?! RIGHT!

THEN... IT
WAS ALL A
TRICK! YOU
COULD SEE
ME ALL
ALONG!

THIS
WORLD-WIDE
CONSPIRACY
WAS SO
DIABOLICAL,
I WAS CONVINCED
IT HAD TO BE
THE WORK OF
YOUR EVIL
GENIUS... BUT I
HAD TO PROVE IT!



IT FIGURED YOU HAD AN
ACCOMPLICE ON THE OUTSIDE!
ALL I HAD TO DO WAS
CONVINCE YOU THAT YOU
WERE DOUBLE-CROSSED!

--AND LET YOUR
TEMPER AND
LOUD MOUTH
TELL ME THE REST!

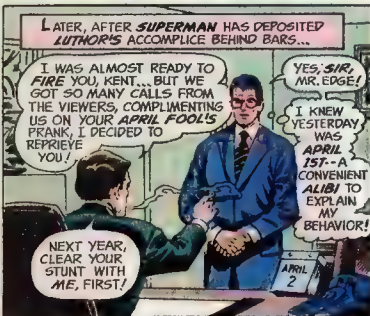
GRRR... IF
I HAD
HAIR NOW,
I'D PULL IT
ALL OUT!!



MERE HEARTBEATS LATER, AS **SUPERMAN**
ZOOMS SPACEWARD...

I'LL CONSTRUCT ANOTHER
SATELLITE FOR **WGBS**, TO
REPLACE THE ONE I'M
BOOTING INTO THE SUN!

MY NEXT
ORDER OF
BUSINESS--
NABBING **ZEKE**
COREY BEFORE
HE CAN GET AWAY!



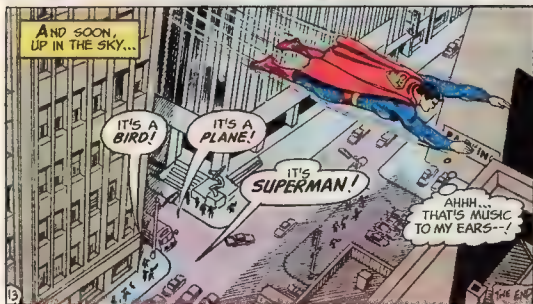
LATER, AFTER **SUPERMAN** HAS DEPOSITED
LUTHOR'S ACCOMPLICE BEHIND BARS...

I WAS ALMOST READY TO
FIRE YOU, KENT... BUT WE
GOT SO MANY CALLS FROM
THE VIEWERS, COMPLIMENTING
US ON YOUR **APRIL FOOL'S**
PRANK, I DECIDED TO
REPRIEVE YOU!

YES, SIR,
MR. EDGE!

I KNEW YESTERDAY
WAS **APRIL**
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Dear Editor:

"Gorilla Grodd's Grandstand Play" was Elliot Maggin at his best! From the very start, his characterization of *Solovar*, the modern king of the Great Apes, was depicted expertly. His appearance at the UN General Assembly and the claims of the various nations upon *Gorilla City* were fascinating and logical developments. We may have a Middle-Africa crisis on our hands. Maybe Henry Kissinger can look into it when he returns from *Atlantis*! More, please, about diplomatic relations with *Solovar's Gorilla City* and *Aquaman's* undersea kingdom.

Superman (remember him?) did okay in this issue, too. It seems that he is putting bad guys away so fast that he has to resort to fighting every other hero's enemies, too. I can hardly wait for his inevitable conflict with *Batman's Man-Bat* and *Mister Miracle's Granny Goodness*. (Hey, why not?)

Finally, about *Clark Kent*. It would appear that the old image of *Kent-the-jellyfish* is rapidly being replaced by *Kent-the-klutz*. He's also returned to his old wardrobe—i.e., one blue suit. No wonder *Lois* and he are "just friends." Please, it wouldn't hurt to give the man from 344 Clinton Street a little class, would it?

Karl Merris, San Diego, Calif.

(Give Clark a little class! What do you think he is, a schoolteacher?—E.N.B.)

Dear Editor:

Since different editors started taking over the *Superman Family* line, it's improved greatly. Now there's so much variety! I guess this finally grabbed me when an *Action* reader wrote in and commented on *Superman* as a hero in the *Flash* and early *Green Lantern* style. But I would've noticed it without his help, as soon as I latched onto *Action* #424.

Just as *Superman* fought an old GI foe (*Star Sapphire*) in #261 of his own magazine, here he tangles with an old *Flash Rogues Gallery* villain, *Grodd*. The story and art were admirable. Both had just the right amount of *Superman* traditionalism, as in *Clark's* speech to *Lois*, but it still had the very definite feel of an old Schwartz hero-story.

This overjoys me. I'm an old Julie Schwartz fan from way, way back, and it was very upsetting when *The Atom*, *Hawkman* and *Green Lantern* all lost their magazines. I thought that Julie would have Denny O'Neil dream up new heroes to take their places . . . little did I dream that Schwartz would simply grab *Superman*!

As for *Green Arrow*, another Schwartz take-over, well, I guess "The Candy Kitchen Caper" was about the most entertaining story I've read since *GA's* last *Action* solo. This Elliot Maggin is becoming to new Schwartz heroes what Fox and Broome were to the old. I'm so glad O'Neil is not scripting *GA* . . . In his last few *Flash* tries with the *Archer*, the character seemed so tragic and pathetic. Maggin, on the other hand, has turned *GA* into a cocky, insolent combination of Groucho Marx and Muhammed Ali. As for *GA's* next appearance, how about co-starring *Black Canary*? The two together make about the most entertaining, side-splitting, and yet thrilling

twosome in mystery since *Nick* and *Nora Charles* first appeared in *The Thin Man*, over forty years ago.

Bob Rodi, Oak Brook, Ill.

(Okay, here's *Black Canary*, in this very issue! How's that for service?—E.N.B.)

Dear Editor:

For a great comic mag (*Action*), the June issue, #424, wasn't so great. First of all, the cover. The huge title logo took up too much space and blocked off the art. The cover story was "something out of the 'Planet of the Apes' movie," as *Lois Lane* put it. Author Elliot Maggin at least could have put *Clark* and *Lois* in New York for a different reason. Researching a TV documentary on the Easter Parade is completely ridiculous.

On page 12, *Superman* says, "I suspected *Grodd's* mental powers were keeping me from hitting him as hard as I wanted." Then how did he defeat "*Solovar*," so easily in the second battle? Why wasn't *Grodd* still using his mental powers to hold back *Superman*?

Robert Kent, Boston, Mass.

(Because he had no time to bring his mental powers into play! *Superman* took him by surprise, and *Grodd* was too confused to focus his mental energy properly.—E.N.B.)

Dear Editor:

Action 424 was another winner—because of a certain *Action-Plus* co-star: namely, *Green Arrow*. I feel that the *Human Target* is about the size of an ant compared to *Ollie*. Now, that doesn't mean I hate the *Human Target's* every bone (because every bone was decorated with Dick Giordano's magnificent touch), but still, I must admit, I honestly like *Green Arrow* better.

Maybe my heart pounds automatically for blond-haired, mustached archers who boastfully yell out, "Hey, Bird-Lady!" Could some editor or writer help this problem of mine, please? All I need is more of *Oliver Queen* and *Black Canary*, and I'm bound to be cured!

Could I actually see *Green Arrow* stay an *Action-Plus* feature? I see *Clark* and *Supie* every issue—make it a perfect issue; let *Ollie* make a little *Action* himself.

Debbie Hetherington, Wallaceburg, Ont.

(Well, he's in this issue—but we'll be alternating him with the *Human Target* and another hero who's about the size of an ant—in comparison to any body—The Atom!—E.N.B.)

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GOTTA GO TELL
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THE BLACK
CANARY!

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HAVEN'T HAD MY
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--IT'S GREEN
ARROW!

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BUILT LIKE THAT?

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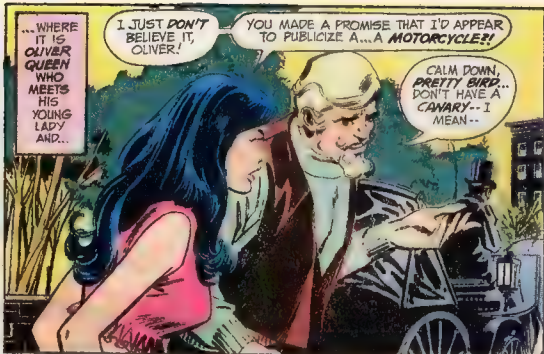
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...WHERE IT IS **OLIVER QUEEN** WHO MEETS HIS **YOUNG LADY** AND...



I JUST DON'T BELIEVE IT, OLIVER!

YOU MADE A PROMISE THAT I'D APPEAR TO PUBLICIZE A...A **MOTORCYCLE**!!

CALM DOWN, **PRETTY BIRD**... DON'T HAVE A **CANARY**-- I MEAN--

YOU MEAN YOU TOOK THE LIBERTY OF VOLUNTEERING MY PRESTIGE FOR SOME CHEAP COMMERCIAL--



IT MEANS **TEN GRAND** TO THE **CHARITY** OF YOUR CHOICE, MILADY...

IF I'D GOTTEN A **SNOW-BIZ** CELEBRITY, THE WHOLE PILE WOULD'VE BEEN **POCKETED**!-- IT MAKES SENSE, DINAH!

ALL RIGHT-- BUT **JUST** THIS ONCE... I'M WARNING YOU!



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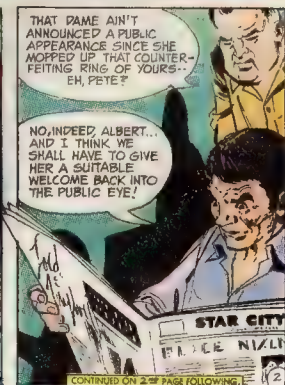


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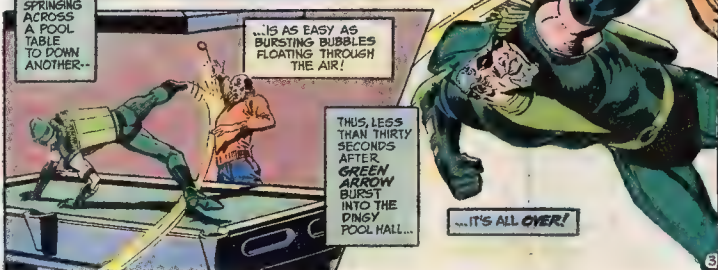


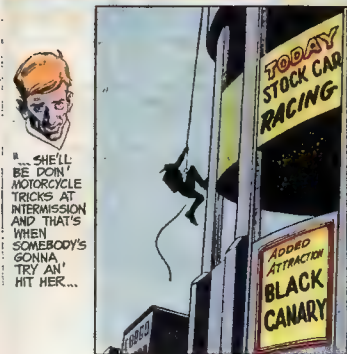
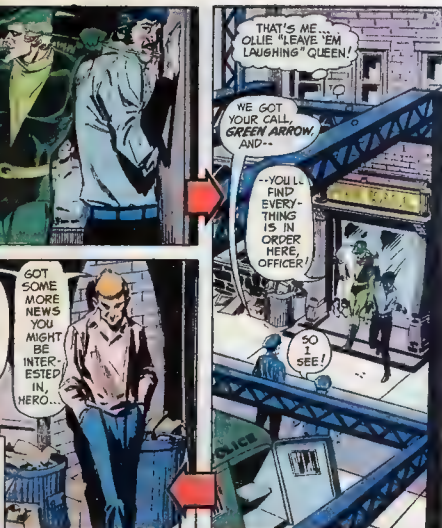
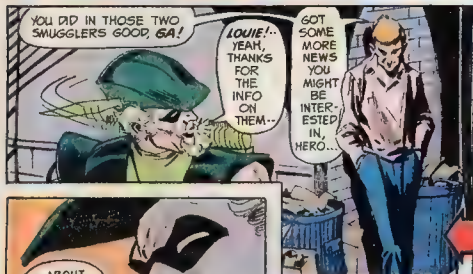
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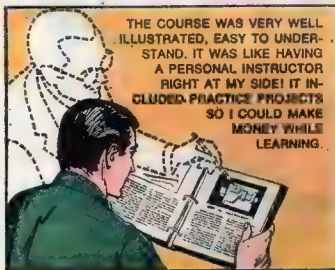
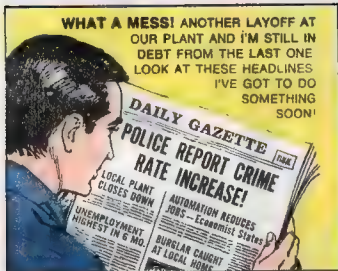






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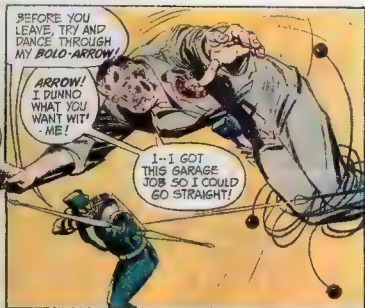
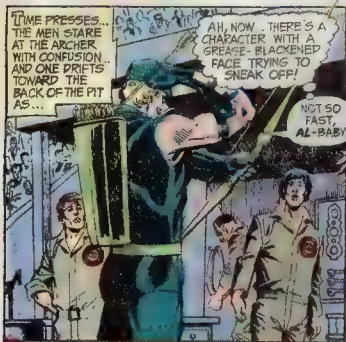
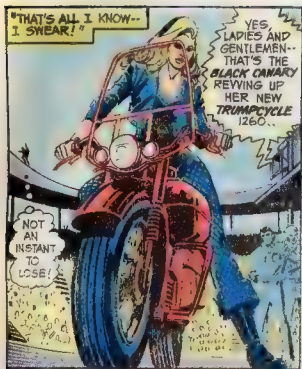
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BIRD-LADY--

BUT I'LL
TAKE THE
WHEEL FROM
HERE!

UNGFHH--!

CAN'T RISK THE BOMB
GOING OFF NEAR DINAH!

GOT TO POINT
AT THAT WALL
AND HOPE!

ONCE AGAIN,
UNDER STRESS,
TIME SLOWS
DOWN FOR THE
BOWMAN AS IN
ONE MOTION
HE LUNGES
FROM THE
CYCLE...

...AND AT THE LAST,
NEAR-IMPOSSIBLE
INSTANT, SAVES HIS
OWN PRECARIOUSLY-
HANGING LIFE!...

K-BLANGG

!DANGER'S
OVER!

I'LL TRUST THE
POLICE TO ROUND UP
LARKIN AND AL THE
ARTIST!

BUT THIS IS NOT THE END OF THE STORY, BECAUSE LATER THAT DAY, IN A CERTAIN PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE...

OLIVER QUEEN!-- AT LEAST YOU COULD HAVE LET ME KNOW BEFORE YOU JUMPED IN TO SAVE MY LIFE, YOU... YOU... GLORY-HOUND!

WHA--?!

IT'S NOT AS IF I CAN'T TAKE CARE OF MYSELF, MR. DOMINEERING MALE!

WELL, IT'S JUST THAT I WANTED TO KEEP YOU IN ONE--

--PIECE!

CARE TO TRY THAT AGAIN, MILADY?

WITH PLEASURE, BIG FELLOW!

BUT IN THE NEXT QUARTER-SECOND...

OH--

NOW, WHAT SAY YOU TELL ME WHAT'S REALLY BOTHERING YOU?

OLIVER, I CAN'T BE SURE, AND I DON'T KNOW WHY...

...BUT I THINK... I LOVE YOU--

WANT TO... TALK ABOUT IT...?

HELLO?... HELLO--!

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The End



Let's leave the smog-ridden streets of New York City for a change and travel to a pleasanter place, a small town in Illinois where a new chapter is being added to the story of the one and only Superman. Join with me then for a visit to *The Amazing World of Superman* in . . .

METROPOLIS, ILLINOIS

Even people who have never read an issue of *Superman*, or *Action Comics*, or any comics magazine know that Metropolis is the name of the city where the Man of Steel lives. The *Superman* legend has been immortalized in a television series, cartoon shows, movies, and magazines from *Time to Gentleman's Quarterly*. So when the quiet midwestern town of Metropolis, Illinois announced last year that it was adopting its most famous citizen as the trademark of a new recreation center, the only thing that surprised me was that they hadn't thought of it sooner!

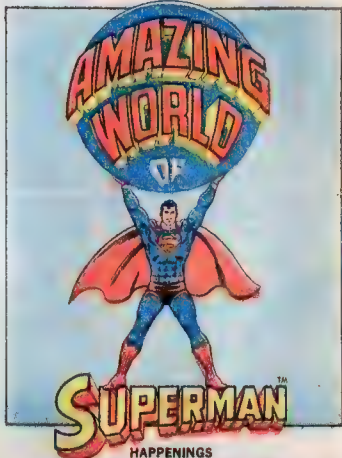
"*The Amazing World Of Superman*" is going to be a very special place when it's completed in a few years. Plans call for a *Superman Museum*, an amusement park (does anyone out there remember a story entitled "Superman In Superman Land" from the nineteen-fifties? Dreams sometimes come true!), and a fantasy world all wrapped into one. On Memorial Day this year it all began with the opening of the new *Superman Exhibition Center*, the cornerstone of the entire operation.

As you walk through the center, you'll pass a gigantic 25 foot long mural of *Superman*, the largest in the world. After you've been greeted by that awesome sight, you can tour the various exhibits and learn how a Comic Magazine is Created (from the original editorial conference in the DC offices to the vast four-color printing plant in Sparta, Illinois), view over a million dollars worth of original comic art—from the days of the Golden Age to today's blockbuster issues, visit the world's largest collection of *Superman* memorabilia, compete in the *Junior Superman Olympics* (a special event just for you junior athletes!), join the brand-new *Supermen of Metropolis Club*, watch a *Superman* movie, see the model of *Superman's* home and meet the Man of Steel himself! It's a terrific time for the whole family for only \$1.75 per adult and \$1.25 per child, so be sure to make plans to visit there this summer. You can make the price even lower by bringing a cover of any new comic with *Superman* on it! That'll lower the price 25c any time . . . even weekends and holidays!

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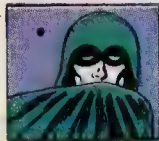
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There's going to be a lot happening in Metropolis, so watch this column for more details. Meanwhile, let's go back to the city of New York and the DC offices for a survey of the latest . . .



The Manhunter is coming in *Detective Comics* this summer, just as I promised in *Behind The Scenes* #3, and editor/writer Archie Goodwin has picked an artist for the strip at long last. The lucky gent is one Walt Simonson, a new artist whose work is also going to be appearing in *Sword of Sorcery*.

To top it all off, the ghostly guardian is returning to the pages of *Adventure Comics*. No, not *Deadman* . . . *The Spectre*! Editor Joe Orlando enjoyed re-reading his origin so much in *Secret Origins* #5 that he's launching a *Spectre* series in *Adventure* #431. *Black Orchid* fans shouldn't go into mourning though, as her series will continue to appear in every issue.



Behind The Scenes #1 wasn't on the stands for a week before the letters started to pour in. I promise to answer all the questions that I can next time, and meanwhile I expect to see you all at the New York Comic Art Convention this upcoming July Fourth! Till then, keep reading!

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